Separate Policy for SSI

† 4278. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment in the past five years to formulate a separate policy for small scale sector and tiny sectors in the country;

(b) whether Government are not providing any incentive for the promotion of products of small scale and tiny sector; and

(c) if so, to what extent the assistance would be provided to the industries in small and tiny sectors under the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE); (a) to (c) Policy measures already exist for promoting and strengthening Small Scale Industries (SSI) and the tiny sector, hi order to strengthen the small scale sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally. Government have announced a Comprehensive Policy Package for SSIs has been announced on 30th August, 2000 which provides for easier access to credit, marketing support, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Export by SSI

4279. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will Uie Minister or SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a comprehensive strategy to help small scale units to fight anti-dumping cases.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures Government have taken for enhancing exports by Small Scale Industries under the Market Development Assistance Scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES. AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE), (a) Yes, Sir.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The Ministry has worked out a comprehensive strategy which includes provision of financial assistance upto Rs. One lakh to SSI Associations who have initiated anti-dumping investigations, a panel of experts who can be referred for issues concerning anti-dumping, information dissemination tlirough twenty Anti dumping Workshops all over the country, etc.

(c) Measures taken by the Government to enhance exports by the Small Scale Industries under the Market Development Assistance Scheme include financial assistance for participation in international exhibitions, overseas study tours, assistance towards the production of publicity material, market studies, etc.

Financial Package for Small Scale Industries Sector

4280. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to slate :

(a) whether the Planning Commission proposes to provide financial package for the small scale industries sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the small scale sector is on the verge of collapse due to non protection by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which financial package by Planning Commission to small scale sector is going to help and rejuvenate it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Perhaps the reference is to the recommendations of the "Study Group on Development of Small Scale Enterprises" constituted by the Planning Commission in May, 1999 under the Cliairmanship of Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member, Planning Commission. This Study Group has recommended amongst others, the creation of funds of:—

(i) Rs. 2000 crores for adequate infastructure fracilities to small scale enterprises;

(ii) Rs. 1000 crore for establishment of Incubation Centres:

(iii) Rs. 5000 crores under technology upgradation and modernisation fund with an interest subsidy of five percent; and